



Department Highlight

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Environmental Waste Management Program



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WHAT THEY DO The Environmental Waste Management Program (EWMP) protects Tribal Resources by identifying, cleaning up, and monitoring contaminated locations within the Reservation that pose a threat to human health and the environment. Additionally, the Program, assists with monitoring and cleanup efforts at contaminated locations off the Reservation, that impact Tribal Treaty Rights.

A BIG WIN For The Tribes & Our Environmental Waste Management

The EWMP manages Tribal, Federal, and State actions on the reservation: Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Waste Management Act (WMA)

Currently in the news, the Supreme Court of the United States denied *writ of certiorari* in *FMC Corporation vs. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes*. This landmark case was spurred on by The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' enacted Waste Management Act which directs the Tribes in their management of hazardous waste within its borders.

Check out this article

https://www.idahostatejournal.com/opinion/columns/us-supreme-court-affirms-tribal-jurisdiction-over-fmc/article_31646d89-7baa-5e35-baf3-0c41726c9696.html

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) better known as Superfund. CERCLA provides a means to characterize and cleanup uncontrolled hazardous waste sites as well as accidents, spills and other emergency releases of contamination in the environment

The program participates in CERCLA-driven cleanup activities on and off the Reservation

One such involvement is the **Eastern**

Michaud Flats Superfund Site consisting of two adjacent phosphate ore processing facilities

Gay Mine- a defunct phosphate mine that is working through the Superfund Process although not a listed Superfund Site Mining operation on and near the Reservation are also a priority

South East Idaho Phosphate Patch 11 mines, EWMP involved in remediation as part of the Superfund process. Focused on ensuring tribal resources are

protected so future generations can participate in cultural practices.

Brownfields site investigation and cleanup with US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Since 2005, EWMP has used the Tribal Brownfields Response Program to identify and remediate recognized environmental conditions on tribal properties for the end goal of reuse and revitalization. Brownfields has also provided resources to assist with developing environmental regulations such as the *Waste Management Act*.